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In re

U.S. Application of:

Akira TSUBOUCHI, Kiyoshi OKUBO, and Yasushi
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For:

HOLLOW RACK SHAFT

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AMENDMENT

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated November 15, 2002 which provides for a response period ending February 15, 2003.

Amendments to the claims are presented herein by presenting a complete set of pending claims, as amended, in clean form. Also, an Appendix entitled "Version With Markings to Show Changes Made," showing the current amendments to the claims is attached hereto.